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In re the Application of:

**Vargeese et al.**

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**For: METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS  
OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**


Sir:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:
  - a. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
  - b. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time
  - c. Response to the Office Action Mailed September 24, 2004
  - d. Postcard
2. A check in the amount of \$905 to cover the combined fees for the RCE and Petition for Extension of Time is attached.
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4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" EV565796834US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 24, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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